

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
March 10, 2006**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, March 10, 2006, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jan Ligon, CSW, Chair
Patricia Harwell, MFT, Vice Chair
Helen W. Coale, CSW
Eric Groh, LPC
Tracy L. Hurst, LPC
William Carlos Jackson, MFT
Janet H. Lenard, CSW
G. William Quartermann, LPC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gene T. Schrader, MFT
Sandra L. Hollett, Consumer

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Sandy Stembridge, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Patricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Harvey, Area Supervisor for Enforcement

GUESTS

Gale Macke, Executive Director LPCA
John Burns, President LPCA
Sue Fort, NASW

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 a.m. motion Lenard, seconded Groh, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2-(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Coale, Harwell, Hurst, Jackson, Ligon, and Quartermann. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Patricia Downing, Assistant Attorney General, reported on the cases in the Attorney General's office.

INVESTIVATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

COMP050066	Recommend consent order to revoke license.
COMP050026	Recommend consent order that mirrors the District of Columbia consent order.
COMP050060	Recommend dismissing case.
COMP060026	Recommend dismissing case.
COMP060030	Recommend dismissing case.
COMP060033	Recommend dismissing case.
COMP060036	Recommend dismissing case.
COMP060046	Recommend dismissing case.

OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Tracy reported to the Board that a question had come up concerning Rule 135-5-.01(c)(2) and Rule 135-5-.04(c)(2) that alerted the Board to the problem of APC's and AMFT'S practicing beyond the allowed five year period while obtaining the post-master's experience and supervision required for licensure as a professional counselor and marriage and family therapist. After researching the database, it was discovered that 12 associate licensees had gone beyond the allowed five year period. Discussion was held concerning ways to trigger notification that the date for the end of the five year period had been reached in order to prevent future licensees from going past the allowed five year period.

Motion Jackson, seconded Hurst and motion carried, to notify the current associates who have gone beyond the allowed time period that they have exceeded the five year limit and their license would be made invalid on June 1, 2006.

Motion Lenard, seconded Coale and motion carried, for Ms. Tracy to write the notification letter and send it to Patricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General for approval before mailing.

MINUTES

Motion Hurst, seconded Lenard and motion carried, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2006 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request received from Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation to suspend the license for Evelyn B. Vickers, APC for defaulting on a student loan. Motion Coale, seconded Lenard and motion carried, to suspend Evelyn B. Vickers license to

practice as an Associate Professional Counselor, License No. APC001219, for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation.

RULES REVISION

Jan Ligon, Board Chair, presented Rule 135-5-.01, Rule 135-5-.02, Rule 135-5-.05, and Rule 135-5-.06 for adoption and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rule 135-5-.01, Rule 135-5-.02, Rule 135-5-.05, and Rule 135-5-.06 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-8, 43-10A-11, 43-10A-13, and 43-10-a-17.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-10A-3, 43-10A-5, 43-10A-8, 43-10A-11, 43-10A-13, and 43-10A-17 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A)(B)(C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these proposed rule amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of professional counseling, social work, and marriage and family therapy.

Rule 135-5-.01 Associate Professional Counselors, Rule 135-5-.02 Professional Counselors, Rule 135-5-.05 Associate Marriage and Family Therapists, and Rule 135-5-.06 Marriage and Family Therapists. Motion Groh, seconded Lenard and motion carried, to adopt the proposed rule changes.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Burns, President of LPCA, announced that a Proclamation thanking all the LPC's, SW's and MFT's for all the work they did with the Katrina victims in Georgia would be signed by Governor Sonny Perdue in the Governor's office on March 20, 2006, during Mental Health Awareness Week

THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

Motion Harwell, seconded Hurst and motion carried, to accept the **Marriage and Family Therapy Standards Report**.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM

Heidesch, Andrew	Approved
Hinesley, Kellie	Denied

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS EXAM

Andrews, F. Tirrell	Approved
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Francis-Asante, Janie	Denied
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
EXAM WAIVER

Andrews, Lucretia	Approved
Robinson, Melissa	Denied

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
REACTIVATION

Schoonmaker, Richeleen	Approved
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Motion Hurst, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to accept the **Licensed Professional Counselors Standards Report**.

INTERVIEW

Kee, Lisa	No Show
Hamill, Cecilia	Additional documentation requested and received. To be reviewed April 14, 2006.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
EXAM

Atkins, Laura	Approved
Allen, Amy	Approved
Baroody, Suzanne	Approved
Carter, Alfred	Approved
Cossel, Shelli	Approved
Cunnien, Taffey-Marie	Approved
Epps, Dana	Approved
Franklin, Norah	Approved
Higgins, Bryn	Denied
Parrott, Johnna	Approved
Patterson, LaTonya	Approved
Richbourg, Victoria	Approved
Routly, David	Approved
Royster, Sherry	Approved
Stone, Amber	Approved
Tharin, Elizabeth	Approved
Turnipseed, Susan	Approved

APC EXAM WAIVER

Caines, Roshanda	Denied
Freeman, Katherine	Approved

Gormley, Lane	Approved
Griggs, Andre	Approved
Harrison, Paul	Approved
Lingle, Margaret	Denied
Morris, Jynger	Approved
Patton, Iketia	Approved
Peebles, Dawn	Approved
Saros, Paul	Approved
Sommer, Tomoko	Approved
Stone, Elizabeth	Approved
Walley, Cynthia	Approved

APC CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT/SUPERVISOR

Armstrong, Dawn	Approved
Bailey, Christine	Approved
Dawkins, Sharon	Approved
Handy, Erica	Approved
McNabb, Tracie	Denied
Navarrete-Aguilar, Alejandro	Approved
Powell, Catherine	Approved
Scott, Rebecca	Approved
Smith, Veronica	Approved
Thames, Jamie	Approved
Williams, Dena	Approved
Williams, Patti	Approved

LPC EXAM

Ballard, Betty	Denied
Bourget, Sylvie	Denied
Braddock, Erica	Denied
Christensen, Julie	Denied
Clark, Aletha	Denied
Hanes, David	Denied
Hoskins, Musanna	Approved
Jones, Merrlyn	Approved
Pugh, Geneva	Approved

LPC EXAM WAIVER

Anderson, Sara Elizabeth	Denied
Chase, Ira	Approved
Collins, Stacy	Denied
Drinko, Marie	Approved
Frates, Linda	Approved
Hartman, Elizabeth	Approved

Jordan, David	Approved
Karaa, Shiraz	Approved
Lockhart, Dana	Denied
Maslowksi, Rachel	Denied
Miller, Vickie	Approved
Mitchell, Janice	Approved
Namirr, Marissa	Approved
Patton, Susan	Approved
Render, Michelle	Approved
Reyes, Silvio	Denied

LPC ENDORSEMENT

Blackwood, Grace	Approved
Fleming, Jean	Approved

LPC CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

McDuffie, Chris	Approved
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Motion Lenard, seconded Jackson and motion carried, to accept the **Social Workers Standards Report**.

INTERVIEW

Higgins, Elizabeth	Denied
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MASTERS SOCIAL WORKER EXAM

Cannon, Michael	Approved
Collins, Kimberly	Approved
Dawson, Lisa	Approved
Farrie, Pamela	Approved
Goins, Shelley	Approved
Hammond, Melanie	Approved
Hasan, Hadiyah	Approved
Harbin, Sara	Approved
Howell, Lenette	Approved
Iglesias, Diana	Approved
Jemerson, Pamela	Approved
McFarland-Mitchell, Kimberlee	Approved
Major, Lenardo	Approved
Melton, Jennifer	Approved
Pierrot, Marielle	Approved
Standberry, Adriann	Approved
Weston, Keiauntae	Approved
White, William	Approved
Whitehurst, Stephania	Approved

Wilcox, Rose	Approved
Williams, Loran	Approved

MSW EXAM WAIVER

Berry, Kimberly	Approved
Chappelle, Juanita	Approved
Hepker, Devin	Approved
Huskey, Robin	Approved
Keyes, Shana	Approved
LaLuz, Angelica	Approved
Merrill, Kerri	Approved
Merritt, Pamela	Approved
Osime, Regina	Approved
Robillard, Brooke	Approved
Tillery, Raelisa	Approved
Westbrook, Stephen	Approved

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER EXAM

Cabble, James	Approved
Davis, Lisha	Approved
Dudley-Slater, Marion	Denied
Duncan, Naomi	Approved
Freed, Estelle	Approved
Gomes, Tanya	Approved
Hebert, Vanessa	Approved
Holland, K. Janel	Approved
Lusco, Jeffrey	Approved
Mattingly, Shauna	Denied
Peats, Marie	Approved
Petta, Marlene	Denied
Pugh, LaTyris	Denied
Wilder, Stephanie	Approved

CSW EXAM WAIVER

Beauchain, Olivia	Approved
Bell, Essie	Approved
Bouchard, Loretta	Approved
Breaden, Melissa	Approved
Crider, Stephanie	Denied
Jantzer, Olga	Approved
Philip, Nisy	Denied
Robertson, Jennine	Approved

Robinson, Lynette	Denied
Shelby, Tracey	Approved
Woods, Terry	Denied

CSW REACTIVATION

Kolowich, George	Approved
Schollaert, Arlene	Approved

CSW REINSTATEMENT

Rice-Rodriguez, Tammy	Approved
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VOTE ON INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion Lenard, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to accept the report of the Investigations Committee.

Motion Harwell, seconded Jackson and motion carried, to issue a Consent Order for COMP030029 and COMP030030 for suspension of licensure for one (1) year with quarterly reports on the employment activities and state of residence of the licensee. After suspension has ended, the licensee will be on probation for two (2) years with supervision and therapy. Quarterly reports are to be received from Board approved supervisor and Board approved therapist during the probation period.

Coale abstained from the vote on COMP030029 and COMP030030.

VOTE ON THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

Motion Lenard, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to accept the report of the Assistant Attorney General.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Coale, seconded Harwell and motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Jan Ligon, L.C.S.W., Chair
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Mollie L. Fleeman, J.D., Division Director
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
DIVISION

Minutes approved April 14, 2006.

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Applications Specialist.

Edited by Lee Tracy, Executive Director.